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Free School Meals

Dear Parent/Guardian

Did you know that just by registering your child for free school meals New Delaval will get extra money?

Pupil premium is money that is given to schools to help close the attainment gap between different groups of pupils. The vast majority of pupil premium funding is allocated to schools for each student who is registered for free school meals. Since April 2012 this has included any child who has been registered for FSM at any time in the last 6 years. The amount we will receive for each child is £1,320. An additional sum of money is also paid for any pupils who are 'looked after' or whose parents are in the armed forces. Not surprisingly, at a time when budgets are dwindling and it is getting harder and harder for us to resource school, we are keen for everyone who is eligible to register for free school meals to do so. If you are registered you may also get help with the cost of other activities such as music tuition as well as saving over £350 a year on dinners. Even if you don't want your child to have a free meal as long as you qualify and are registered we still get the funding for school.

Would I qualify?

You are likely to be eligible if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7400.00, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of The Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' – the payment made for a further 4 weeks after someone stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit

How do I apply?

To apply simply complete the attached form and return to school or complete an on-line form at www.northumberland.gov.uk or call Free School Meals at County Hall on 0345 600 6400. For more information speak to Mrs Henderson or Mrs Rudd in the school office; your enquiry will be dealt with in confidence.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

